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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:33,130

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00:00:33,130 --> 00:00:37,210
Mr. Zuckerman, did
you wonder at all

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00:00:37,210 --> 00:00:41,680
during the years
of 1938 and 1945

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00:00:41,680 --> 00:00:45,730
where the rest of the world
was in terms of their silence?

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00:00:45,730 --> 00:00:48,980

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00:00:48,980 --> 00:00:56,430
I'll be honest with
you, I did not really

7
00:00:56,430 --> 00:01:02,550
comprehend this
whole thing to think

8
00:01:02,550 --> 00:01:08,800
that somebody is going to come
rescue us and talk for us.

9
00:01:08,800 --> 00:01:11,052
I could not tell you that.

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00:01:11,052 --> 00:01:14,680
I really was too young.

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00:01:14,680 --> 00:01:18,660
Like I told you, I was
preoccupied with my studies.

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00:01:18,660 --> 00:01:20,920

And that was my life.

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00:01:20,920 --> 00:01:27,000

I went to 5 o'clock in the
morning till 10:00 at night,

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00:01:27,000 --> 00:01:28,710

and sometimes 11
o'clock at night.

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00:01:28,710 --> 00:01:32,010

I was preoccupied
with my studies.

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00:01:32,010 --> 00:01:35,290

And I really did not--

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00:01:35,290 --> 00:01:38,050

you know, I knew
that I had an aunt

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00:01:38,050 --> 00:01:42,400

in Vienna, my mother's sister.

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00:01:42,400 --> 00:01:47,030

And I knew that she wasn't--

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00:01:47,030 --> 00:01:47,780

she had problems.

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00:01:47,780 --> 00:01:51,410

Because we were sending her
packages, food packages,

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00:01:51,410 --> 00:01:53,060

from Kraków.

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00:01:53,060 --> 00:01:54,420

But somehow she survived.

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00:01:54,420 --> 00:01:59,360

She got to London.

25
00:01:59,360 --> 00:02:01,365
And she did survive the war.

26
00:02:01,365 --> 00:02:03,090
You know, I met
her after the war.

27
00:02:03,090 --> 00:02:07,260
But personally
myself, I did not know

28
00:02:07,260 --> 00:02:13,690
that someone can come and put an
end to this whole thing for us.

29
00:02:13,690 --> 00:02:16,170
I really did not know.

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00:02:16,170 --> 00:02:19,290
We were talking
about the DP camps.

31
00:02:19,290 --> 00:02:21,210
How many years did you
spend in the DP camp?

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00:02:21,210 --> 00:02:32,040
I spent in DP camp from
1945, May 1945 to May 1949.

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00:02:32,040 --> 00:02:37,240
May 19, May 29, 1949,
I came to this country.

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00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:40,650
What were you feeling during
those years in the DP camp?

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00:02:40,650 --> 00:02:45,240
Well, we never talked about it.

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00:02:45,240 --> 00:02:50,210

Once a year, we had a
commemoration, what you called.

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00:02:50,210 --> 00:02:53,480

But it wasn't--
it was very calm.

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00:02:53,480 --> 00:02:56,150

It was no crying, no--

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00:02:56,150 --> 00:03:01,420

we even erected, we
put a monument stone.

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00:03:01,420 --> 00:03:05,010

And I think now the
stone lays in Yad Vashem.

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00:03:05,010 --> 00:03:08,300

In Bindermichl in that DP camp.

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00:03:08,300 --> 00:03:14,100

But we never-- it
was very, very calm.

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00:03:14,100 --> 00:03:19,100

I mean, we marched with
placards in town, you know.

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00:03:19,100 --> 00:03:25,240

Made speeches and memorial
prayers, you know.

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00:03:25,240 --> 00:03:26,550

The [INAUDIBLE].

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00:03:26,550 --> 00:03:32,360

But it was not emotional
at the beginning.

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00:03:32,360 --> 00:03:36,590

I think what it was, like

I said, we were young

48

00:03:36,590 --> 00:03:41,130
and the hurt wasn't so great.

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00:03:41,130 --> 00:03:46,340
But as you get older,
it starts to hurt.

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00:03:46,340 --> 00:03:48,890
As you get older it hurts.

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00:03:48,890 --> 00:03:52,113
The hurt comes, you know.

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00:03:52,113 --> 00:03:53,030
Were there religious--

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00:03:53,030 --> 00:03:55,820
You start asking questions why.

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00:03:55,820 --> 00:03:57,940
Were there religious
services in the DP camp?

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00:03:57,940 --> 00:03:58,600
Yes, sure.

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00:03:58,600 --> 00:03:59,735
We had religious services.

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00:03:59,735 --> 00:04:02,480
We had a rabbi there.

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00:04:02,480 --> 00:04:03,710
We had a chaplain.

59

00:04:03,710 --> 00:04:07,773
Unfortunately, he got
killed in a car accident.

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00:04:07,773 --> 00:04:08,690
So we had another one.

61
00:04:08,690 --> 00:04:13,970
Then we had our Orthodox
rabbi, who was, matter of fact,

62
00:04:13,970 --> 00:04:17,100
in this country, he married
everybody off in camp,

63
00:04:17,100 --> 00:04:17,870
in the DP camp.

64
00:04:17,870 --> 00:04:20,220
He's now in Borough Park.

65
00:04:20,220 --> 00:04:22,520
And we see him,
we see him there.

66
00:04:22,520 --> 00:04:24,650
Support him, we see him.

67
00:04:24,650 --> 00:04:29,630
We erected a shul for him, a
little shtiebel So a very nice

68
00:04:29,630 --> 00:04:31,750
man.

69
00:04:31,750 --> 00:04:32,610
A very nice man.

70
00:04:32,610 --> 00:04:36,700
He understood the
people, you know.

71
00:04:36,700 --> 00:04:41,060
Because I think he himself
was a victim of the Holocaust.

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00:04:41,060 --> 00:04:45,830

So he understood that we weren't
observant as we should be.

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00:04:45,830 --> 00:04:49,322

And he didn't pay too much
attention to that, you know.

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00:04:49,322 --> 00:04:51,974

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00:04:51,974 --> 00:04:55,960

During the years of the DP
camp, did the Allied officials

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00:04:55,960 --> 00:04:59,380

question you about
what had happened

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00:04:59,380 --> 00:05:00,970

under German occupation?

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00:05:00,970 --> 00:05:03,460

No.

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00:05:03,460 --> 00:05:06,370

I think we made-- we gave
a little history when

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00:05:06,370 --> 00:05:09,890

we applied for citizenship.

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00:05:09,890 --> 00:05:11,450

And that was all.

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00:05:11,450 --> 00:05:12,020

That was all.

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00:05:12,020 --> 00:05:16,880

We never-- I was
never questioned.

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00:05:16,880 --> 00:05:21,020
You know, we had Wiesenthal
was in our camp, you know,

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00:05:21,020 --> 00:05:22,340
[INAUDIBLE].

86
00:05:22,340 --> 00:05:24,410
And we had all kind of--

87
00:05:24,410 --> 00:05:30,320
but really, like I said, the
memorials and the anniversaries

88
00:05:30,320 --> 00:05:32,150
were very low key.

89
00:05:32,150 --> 00:05:39,370
We really didn't pay too much
attention in the camps for it.

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00:05:39,370 --> 00:05:42,590
How did you happen to
come to the United States?

91
00:05:42,590 --> 00:05:48,500
Like I say, I applied
when they registered us.

92
00:05:48,500 --> 00:05:58,120

93
00:05:58,120 --> 00:06:00,880
When they registered
us, when they

94
00:06:00,880 --> 00:06:03,220
had the registration
for the United States,

95
00:06:03,220 --> 00:06:08,320
I registered, just
like everyone else did.

96
00:06:08,320 --> 00:06:14,670
And my wife's mother,
who has since gone,

97
00:06:14,670 --> 00:06:18,700
had three sisters here
in the United States.

98
00:06:18,700 --> 00:06:20,185
And they helped out, too.

99
00:06:20,185 --> 00:06:22,810
You know, I think
they sent affidavits.

100
00:06:22,810 --> 00:06:28,015
But we really came to the
HIAS, help of the HIAS here.

101
00:06:28,015 --> 00:06:29,560
So HIAS did, in fact.

102
00:06:29,560 --> 00:06:36,010
Yeah, HIAS did the whole
work to bring the Jews here.

103
00:06:36,010 --> 00:06:39,700
Did you have any thoughts of
going to Palestine at the time?

104
00:06:39,700 --> 00:06:40,750
No, not really.

105
00:06:40,750 --> 00:06:41,350
Not really.

106
00:06:41,350 --> 00:06:44,020
I wanted to go,
because you know,

107
00:06:44,020 --> 00:06:46,540

like, my wife's family was here.

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00:06:46,540 --> 00:06:49,420

And you look for
family in a way.

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00:06:49,420 --> 00:06:51,970

So we came here.

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00:06:51,970 --> 00:06:54,320

And you came directly
to New Jersey.

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00:06:54,320 --> 00:06:55,750

I came directly to New Jersey.

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00:06:55,750 --> 00:07:00,580

Because we came to
my wife's mother's

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00:07:00,580 --> 00:07:04,960

sister and aunt, who
lives in Passaic.

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00:07:04,960 --> 00:07:07,000

She still lives in Passaic.

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00:07:07,000 --> 00:07:09,800

We came to her house
for a few days.

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00:07:09,800 --> 00:07:12,880

And then we got an
apartment in Newark.

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00:07:12,880 --> 00:07:15,880

And we moved to
our own apartment

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00:07:15,880 --> 00:07:18,721

with her mother and father.

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00:07:18,721 --> 00:07:20,770
A doctor.

120
00:07:20,770 --> 00:07:25,180
And what occupation did you
enter into when you came?

121
00:07:25,180 --> 00:07:28,330
Well, in the beginning, I
worked in a factory for a while,

122
00:07:28,330 --> 00:07:31,150
in a cloak factory.

123
00:07:31,150 --> 00:07:34,390
And then you know, we in the
beginning, when we came here,

124
00:07:34,390 --> 00:07:39,850
we kept in close touch
with the people from camp,

125
00:07:39,850 --> 00:07:41,560
from the DP camp.

126
00:07:41,560 --> 00:07:45,040
So the friends, you know,
we used to come there.

127
00:07:45,040 --> 00:07:46,240
They used to come to us.

128
00:07:46,240 --> 00:07:49,420
And everyone was looking,
searching for a way

129
00:07:49,420 --> 00:07:50,920
to make a living.

130
00:07:50,920 --> 00:07:52,870
And somehow, one
came up with the idea

131

00:07:52,870 --> 00:07:56,560

that we should go into
the construction business.

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00:07:56,560 --> 00:07:58,750

And we didn't know
much about it.

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00:07:58,750 --> 00:08:03,220

But there were a lot of
people who helped us.

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00:08:03,220 --> 00:08:05,530

Because we had the
language barrier.

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00:08:05,530 --> 00:08:08,890

And the reading and writing
in English was a little hard.

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00:08:08,890 --> 00:08:16,550

But how do you say, we--

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00:08:16,550 --> 00:08:17,210

Persevered?

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00:08:17,210 --> 00:08:19,580

Persevere, right.

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00:08:19,580 --> 00:08:20,570

We persevered.

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00:08:20,570 --> 00:08:24,690

And thank god, we
became very successful.

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00:08:24,690 --> 00:08:31,060

The first thing
we did is when we

142

00:08:31,060 --> 00:08:33,340

went into the business

of the building business,

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00:08:33,340 --> 00:08:38,919
when we got these subdivisions
to build streets and houses.

144

00:08:38,919 --> 00:08:41,020
We remembered Schindler.

145

00:08:41,020 --> 00:08:43,809
Even though we didn't
know where he was.

146

00:08:43,809 --> 00:08:45,280
We met him after the war.

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00:08:45,280 --> 00:08:48,760
He was in [INAUDIBLE]
a couple of times.

148

00:08:48,760 --> 00:08:51,580
But then sort of
we lost contact.

149

00:08:51,580 --> 00:08:53,560
We didn't know where he was.

150

00:08:53,560 --> 00:08:57,730
So the first thing we did,
we named streets after him.

151

00:08:57,730 --> 00:08:59,710
And we did that in
many, many towns.

152

00:08:59,710 --> 00:09:01,720
Today, I think
about, I would say,

153

00:09:01,720 --> 00:09:06,370
a dozen streets are named in
New Jersey after Schindler.

154

00:09:06,370 --> 00:09:10,720

And later on, he came here
in 1957 for the first time.

155

00:09:10,720 --> 00:09:11,470

We met him.

156

00:09:11,470 --> 00:09:15,920

And we took him to the
streets to show him.

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00:09:15,920 --> 00:09:18,880

And he was like a
little baby when he

158

00:09:18,880 --> 00:09:21,460

saw his names on the streets.

159

00:09:21,460 --> 00:09:25,690

And he was very, very grateful.

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00:09:25,690 --> 00:09:30,190

He was a man who devoted his
life, really, to humanity.

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00:09:30,190 --> 00:09:34,350

He was not interested
in business or in money.

162

00:09:34,350 --> 00:09:36,040

He always used to come here.

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00:09:36,040 --> 00:09:37,840

And he used to
count his children.

164

00:09:37,840 --> 00:09:41,770

He said these are my
children, nice children.

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00:09:41,770 --> 00:09:46,720

Because what he did to us, you

know, what he did, he saved us.

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00:09:46,720 --> 00:09:52,750

That gave him the chance to give
us a chance to have a family.

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00:09:52,750 --> 00:09:56,461

And he called it
[GERMAN],, you know.

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00:09:56,461 --> 00:09:57,940

Was a very humble man.

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00:09:57,940 --> 00:10:01,840

And too bad that
he died that young.

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00:10:01,840 --> 00:10:07,340

We also did arrange
for him to have--

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00:10:07,340 --> 00:10:13,100

we did arrange to have a
scholarship in Schindler's name

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00:10:13,100 --> 00:10:14,660

at Hebrew University.

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00:10:14,660 --> 00:10:16,612

Because he was
very, very involved

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00:10:16,612 --> 00:10:17,570

with Hebrew University.

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00:10:17,570 --> 00:10:19,205

He loved Israel.

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00:10:19,205 --> 00:10:22,310

He used to come there half--

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00:10:22,310 --> 00:10:26,400

six months out of the year,
he used to be in Israel.

178
00:10:26,400 --> 00:10:30,040
So we did that for him.

179
00:10:30,040 --> 00:10:32,930
And we're very, very proud
of it that we did it.

180
00:10:32,930 --> 00:10:37,100
And me and my associates,
we worked on it.

181
00:10:37,100 --> 00:10:41,468
And it's going on today.

182
00:10:41,468 --> 00:10:42,740
Speak to it.

183
00:10:42,740 --> 00:10:43,240
Yeah.

184
00:10:43,240 --> 00:10:47,210

185
00:10:47,210 --> 00:10:51,440
How did the experience
of the Holocaust

186
00:10:51,440 --> 00:10:55,110
affect your view of America?

187
00:10:55,110 --> 00:10:56,570
When you came to America.

188
00:10:56,570 --> 00:10:59,690
When we came to
America, I tell you.

189
00:10:59,690 --> 00:11:01,995
We were, like I

say, we were busy.

190
00:11:01,995 --> 00:11:03,620
You know, I came here
with my daughter.

191
00:11:03,620 --> 00:11:07,670
My daughter was
born in the DP camp.

192
00:11:07,670 --> 00:11:10,430
So she was six weeks
old when we came.

193
00:11:10,430 --> 00:11:15,110
In the beginning, we were,
like I say-- we did not--

194
00:11:15,110 --> 00:11:17,060
one thing we were,
we're very proud people.

195
00:11:17,060 --> 00:11:19,205
We did not ask for charity.

196
00:11:19,205 --> 00:11:24,300

197
00:11:24,300 --> 00:11:29,100
The way of life that, in Europe,
the way we had it was you

198
00:11:29,100 --> 00:11:31,740
should do everything
on your own.

199
00:11:31,740 --> 00:11:35,080

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00:11:35,080 --> 00:11:39,340
You shouldn't be
dependent on other people.

201

00:11:39,340 --> 00:11:41,090

That was the way we
were raised, you know.

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00:11:41,090 --> 00:11:44,750

You have to do it yourself,
whether through education

203

00:11:44,750 --> 00:11:45,830

or through any other way.

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00:11:45,830 --> 00:11:47,122

But you have to do it yourself.

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00:11:47,122 --> 00:11:50,830

So we came here, we were poor.

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00:11:50,830 --> 00:11:54,200

But it didn't bother us.

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00:11:54,200 --> 00:11:56,990

Like I said, we were very happy.

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00:11:56,990 --> 00:12:01,270

Whatever I make, we lived
on, and it was fine.

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00:12:01,270 --> 00:12:02,600

And somehow, God helped us.

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00:12:02,600 --> 00:12:05,390

Thank god we became successful.

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00:12:05,390 --> 00:12:06,600

Only through hard work.

212

00:12:06,600 --> 00:12:09,480

But became successful.

213

00:12:09,480 --> 00:12:11,630

So we didn't talk

about this whole thing.

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00:12:11,630 --> 00:12:13,020

We never spoke.

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00:12:13,020 --> 00:12:16,020

We couldn't talk to our
children, first of all.

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00:12:16,020 --> 00:12:17,070

They were young.

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00:12:17,070 --> 00:12:21,480

We were preoccupied
with making a living.

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00:12:21,480 --> 00:12:25,100

So we never, somehow,
spoke about the past.

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00:12:25,100 --> 00:12:27,930

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00:12:27,930 --> 00:12:32,430

Until really, when the
children got older.

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00:12:32,430 --> 00:12:39,210

And really could begin to
understand, wanted to know.

222

00:12:39,210 --> 00:12:40,870

We started to talk to them.

223

00:12:40,870 --> 00:12:42,240

But not in a grand lead.

224

00:12:42,240 --> 00:12:45,240

You know, in bits and
pieces, in bits and pieces.

225

00:12:45,240 --> 00:12:52,380

Today, you know,
like I said, the hurt

226
00:12:52,380 --> 00:12:58,380
is much greater now than
it was when we were young.

227
00:12:58,380 --> 00:13:05,940
Maybe because you put your
mind to tort a little bit more,

228
00:13:05,940 --> 00:13:06,940
you know?

229
00:13:06,940 --> 00:13:10,310
So we told the kids,
or tried to tell them.

230
00:13:10,310 --> 00:13:17,610
They're creating a lot of
organizations to talk about it.

231
00:13:17,610 --> 00:13:23,590
to give it to the second, tell
it to the second generation.

232
00:13:23,590 --> 00:13:27,160
Because it's something that must
be told, it must be remembered.

233
00:13:27,160 --> 00:13:29,530
Because it happened
in our lifetime.

234
00:13:29,530 --> 00:13:35,680
It did not happen 2000 years
ago, that you read something.

235
00:13:35,680 --> 00:13:37,900
So you have to devote
your life, really,

236
00:13:37,900 --> 00:13:42,760

and say, this is
our first priority.

237
00:13:42,760 --> 00:13:45,940
Is that something like
that should never happen.

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00:13:45,940 --> 00:13:47,890
Not only to the
Jews, to anybody.

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00:13:47,890 --> 00:13:51,210

240
00:13:51,210 --> 00:13:56,020
That one person can get
up and everybody would

241
00:13:56,020 --> 00:13:57,172
thought he was a prankster.

242
00:13:57,172 --> 00:14:00,530

243
00:14:00,530 --> 00:14:06,360
And he could develop
into such a tragedy.

244
00:14:06,360 --> 00:14:10,590
So I hope, you know, we
live in a free country.

245
00:14:10,590 --> 00:14:15,880
And that people will
cherish their freedom

246
00:14:15,880 --> 00:14:21,450
and just watch out for
some guy, or woman, or man,

247
00:14:21,450 --> 00:14:25,830
or woman, whoever gets up
there and is preaching bigotry

248
00:14:25,830 --> 00:14:27,480
or whatever.

249
00:14:27,480 --> 00:14:28,640
They should be stopped.

250
00:14:28,640 --> 00:14:30,320
They should be right
then and there.

251
00:14:30,320 --> 00:14:35,445
They shouldn't be
allowed to continue.

252
00:14:35,445 --> 00:14:38,010

253
00:14:38,010 --> 00:14:41,376
Stopped in every way, which way.

254
00:14:41,376 --> 00:14:44,400
And of course, we
have an Israel.

255
00:14:44,400 --> 00:14:54,430
So that we have somebody
to watch over us in a way,

256
00:14:54,430 --> 00:14:54,930
you know.

257
00:14:54,930 --> 00:15:01,530

258
00:15:01,530 --> 00:15:04,200
So you would then say
that that was essentially

259
00:15:04,200 --> 00:15:06,870
the lesson of the Holocaust
to be carried over?

260
00:15:06,870 --> 00:15:08,920
Oh, absolutely, to
be carried over.

261
00:15:08,920 --> 00:15:12,660
And that's what's happening
now, that people are finally

262
00:15:12,660 --> 00:15:17,130
talking, finally
saying something.

263
00:15:17,130 --> 00:15:19,680
You know, before, like I
say, we could not talk.

264
00:15:19,680 --> 00:15:23,080
And it came sometimes
we have a [INAUDIBLE]..

265
00:15:23,080 --> 00:15:26,940
We always get in on the
subject of what happened to us.

266
00:15:26,940 --> 00:15:30,040
But somehow, we talk
for a few minutes,

267
00:15:30,040 --> 00:15:32,610
I say, let's get
off the subject.

268
00:15:32,610 --> 00:15:38,610
And today, it's always
going to be with us.

269
00:15:38,610 --> 00:15:43,830
Because it's like I said before,
because of that mystery that's

270
00:15:43,830 --> 00:15:48,120
in our mind, that nobody

knows where their loved ones

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00:15:48,120 --> 00:15:50,350
are, what happened.

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00:15:50,350 --> 00:15:51,570
How did it happen?

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00:15:51,570 --> 00:15:52,660
Maybe they're somewhere.

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00:15:52,660 --> 00:16:01,970
It's this mystery
that keeps talking.

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00:16:01,970 --> 00:16:04,740
You keep talking about
it, talking and talking.

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00:16:04,740 --> 00:16:06,330
And everyone has
their own story.

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00:16:06,330 --> 00:16:11,052
And it's a story without an end.

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00:16:11,052 --> 00:16:15,840
It's things that happened that
the human mind is absolutely

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00:16:15,840 --> 00:16:20,130
unable to understand.

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00:16:20,130 --> 00:16:22,650
The way people got killed,
the way people got murdered,

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00:16:22,650 --> 00:16:25,930
the way people got
saved, you know.

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00:16:25,930 --> 00:16:31,975

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00:16:31,975 --> 00:16:33,600

I assume you went to
the recent meeting

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00:16:33,600 --> 00:16:35,267

in Washington of the
Holocaust Memorial.

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00:16:35,267 --> 00:16:37,140

Yes, yes, I went to
the Washington meeting,

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00:16:37,140 --> 00:16:39,480

which was very, very beautiful.

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00:16:39,480 --> 00:16:43,470

Because we got
together, you know.

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00:16:43,470 --> 00:16:49,380

Although it's not family,
but we feel sort of this

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00:16:49,380 --> 00:16:50,370

is your family.

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00:16:50,370 --> 00:16:51,210

This is you.

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00:16:51,210 --> 00:16:53,725

Did you find people there
that you had not seen?

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00:16:53,725 --> 00:16:55,350

Yeah, I found a couple
of people that I

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00:16:55,350 --> 00:16:59,610

didn't see since the DP camp.

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00:16:59,610 --> 00:17:02,550
From the camp, I found
a couple of people.

295
00:17:02,550 --> 00:17:05,670
But it was very, very,
very interesting,

296
00:17:05,670 --> 00:17:11,349
and very, very good experience.

297
00:17:11,349 --> 00:17:16,480
Like I say, we got it
together, you know.

298
00:17:16,480 --> 00:17:19,599
The next gathering is
going to be in Sweden?

299
00:17:19,599 --> 00:17:21,050
That's what they
say, in Denmark.

300
00:17:21,050 --> 00:17:21,550
Denmark.

301
00:17:21,550 --> 00:17:22,675
That's what they say, yeah.

302
00:17:22,675 --> 00:17:24,130
That's what they say.

303
00:17:24,130 --> 00:17:28,730
But it's not going to be any
more emotional gathering.

304
00:17:28,730 --> 00:17:31,990
It's going to be
a happy gathering.

305
00:17:31,990 --> 00:17:33,160
That's what they want to do.

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00:17:33,160 --> 00:17:37,320

I guess they want to honor
the people in Denmark,

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00:17:37,320 --> 00:17:41,300

what they did for the
Jews in the Hitler era.

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00:17:41,300 --> 00:17:44,680

You mentioned before to me
during a private conversation

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00:17:44,680 --> 00:17:46,630

that you were planning
to go back to Poland.

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00:17:46,630 --> 00:17:49,030

Yes.

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00:17:49,030 --> 00:17:50,260

What I want to do, I really--

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00:17:50,260 --> 00:17:52,630

I'm going back,
because my wife was

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00:17:52,630 --> 00:17:58,870

hiding by Polish people
for over two years.

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00:17:58,870 --> 00:18:06,010

And they were-- by a widow, who
her husband built a double wall

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00:18:06,010 --> 00:18:07,447

in the barn.

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00:18:07,447 --> 00:18:09,280

They were supposed to
go in there originally

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00:18:09,280 --> 00:18:10,970

for a few days.

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00:18:10,970 --> 00:18:15,660

I guess my father had a
vision not to go to the plaza

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00:18:15,660 --> 00:18:17,140

when they called him.

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00:18:17,140 --> 00:18:19,000

So he went to this
woman instead.

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00:18:19,000 --> 00:18:24,040

Because they used to
have a grocery store.

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00:18:24,040 --> 00:18:26,830

And they used to
come in there to buy.

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00:18:26,830 --> 00:18:30,670

So he went there and he says,
can you keep us for a few days?

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00:18:30,670 --> 00:18:34,220

And from the few days
became over two years.

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00:18:34,220 --> 00:18:40,630

So supposedly there, he built
a double wall in the barn.

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00:18:40,630 --> 00:18:42,610

And they were
sitting on the attic.

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00:18:42,610 --> 00:18:45,320

You know, during when it was OK.

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00:18:45,320 --> 00:18:47,110

But when they saw
something not OK,

329
00:18:47,110 --> 00:18:49,500
they had to slide down the wall.

330
00:18:49,500 --> 00:18:55,685
And I am taking my son, because
I really want to show him that.

331
00:18:55,685 --> 00:18:58,060
You know, I want to show him
where his mother was hiding.

332
00:18:58,060 --> 00:19:00,280
And she wants to
see it, too, again.

333
00:19:00,280 --> 00:19:02,560
And I want to show
him where I was born,

334
00:19:02,560 --> 00:19:05,540
what Kraków was before the war.

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00:19:05,540 --> 00:19:06,720
I think it's important.

336
00:19:06,720 --> 00:19:07,540
Sure.

337
00:19:07,540 --> 00:19:09,310
Have you had any
contact with this?

338
00:19:09,310 --> 00:19:10,900
Oh, yeah, yeah, sure.

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00:19:10,900 --> 00:19:15,880
As a matter of fact, she got
awarded a medal in Yad Vashem.

340
00:19:15,880 --> 00:19:20,980
And they put the tree up

for the righteous [? Ali ?]

341
00:19:20,980 --> 00:19:22,890
for her mother.

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00:19:22,890 --> 00:19:23,920
For what she did.

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00:19:23,920 --> 00:19:24,925
I took care of that.

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00:19:24,925 --> 00:19:29,850

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00:19:29,850 --> 00:19:34,500
When you came to New
Jersey, you were well

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00:19:34,500 --> 00:19:37,140
received by the Jewish
community in New Jersey?

347
00:19:37,140 --> 00:19:40,500
Oh, yeah, sure, oh, sure, yeah.

348
00:19:40,500 --> 00:19:44,410
Like I say, we were already
back to civilization.

349
00:19:44,410 --> 00:19:46,860
So I went to daven to the shul.

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00:19:46,860 --> 00:19:50,190
And it was nice.

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00:19:50,190 --> 00:19:53,190
Was there like a culture
shock, so to speak,

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00:19:53,190 --> 00:19:54,648
when you came to
the United States?

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00:19:54,648 --> 00:19:56,730
Oh, yeah, it was
a very big shock.

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00:19:56,730 --> 00:20:00,450
The first few weeks,
I wasn't myself.

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00:20:00,450 --> 00:20:01,590
I was really in shock.

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00:20:01,590 --> 00:20:04,290
Because I came from
a little nothing,

357
00:20:04,290 --> 00:20:09,060
you know, to this
tremendous metropolis

358
00:20:09,060 --> 00:20:11,620
that I haven't seen all my life.

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00:20:11,620 --> 00:20:12,820
I mean, I saw Krak³w.

360
00:20:12,820 --> 00:20:16,110
But what I know from
Krak³w is like I told you.

361
00:20:16,110 --> 00:20:20,298
I got up in the morning, went
from my house to the shtiebel

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00:20:20,298 --> 00:20:22,590
from the shtiebel I went to
the town [? turner. ?] From

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00:20:22,590 --> 00:20:24,048
the town [? turner, ?]
I went home.

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00:20:24,048 --> 00:20:28,800
That was my whole goings
on in Kraków, you know.

365
00:20:28,800 --> 00:20:30,800
So when I came here,
it was a shock.

366
00:20:30,800 --> 00:20:37,980
It took a while for me to get
into the groove, what you call.

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00:20:37,980 --> 00:20:43,140

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00:20:43,140 --> 00:20:45,515
Any other thoughts you'd
like to share about?

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00:20:45,515 --> 00:20:52,410

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00:20:52,410 --> 00:20:53,980
Like I said, we raised a family.

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00:20:53,980 --> 00:20:57,805
Thank god, I had two daughters.

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00:20:57,805 --> 00:20:58,680
They're both married.

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00:20:58,680 --> 00:21:02,310
And I have a son, who
is not married yet.

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00:21:02,310 --> 00:21:05,460
My one daughter, her name is--

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00:21:05,460 --> 00:21:10,470
husband's name is Sklar.

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00:21:10,470 --> 00:21:13,300

Her husband works for
the firm, in the firm.

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00:21:13,300 --> 00:21:15,000
He's an associate.

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00:21:15,000 --> 00:21:17,245
And my other daughter, Ruth.

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00:21:17,245 --> 00:21:19,770

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00:21:19,770 --> 00:21:22,470
My first daughter's
name is Ann, Ann Sklar.

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00:21:22,470 --> 00:21:26,550
My other daughter's
Ruth, Ruth Katz.

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00:21:26,550 --> 00:21:28,740
Her husband is an attorney.

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00:21:28,740 --> 00:21:30,520
And he works also for the firm.

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00:21:30,520 --> 00:21:32,700
He's an associate in the firm.

385
00:21:32,700 --> 00:21:37,320
And my son is also
associated with the business.

386
00:21:37,320 --> 00:21:43,940
And thank god we run
a pretty nice life.

387
00:21:43,940 --> 00:21:47,040
The one daughter has
two children, a boy

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00:21:47,040 --> 00:21:49,200

and a girl, Ann.

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00:21:49,200 --> 00:21:56,310

My Ruth and Stephen Katz have
also two children, two girls.

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00:21:56,310 --> 00:21:59,850

And we're very happy,
very grateful that we

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00:21:59,850 --> 00:22:03,590

could both have a family.

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00:22:03,590 --> 00:22:05,098

OK.

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00:22:05,098 --> 00:22:06,390

I want to thank you very much--

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00:22:06,390 --> 00:22:07,250

You're welcome.

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00:22:07,250 --> 00:22:09,470

--for spending the
time today and talking.

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00:22:09,470 --> 00:22:10,548

All right, thank you.

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00:22:10,548 --> 00:22:11,840

And we appreciate it very much.

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00:22:11,840 --> 00:22:13,587

And your contribution is--

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00:22:13,587 --> 00:22:14,420

Thank you very much.

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00:22:14,420 --> 00:22:15,660

--of the utmost importance.

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00:22:15,660 --> 00:22:16,160

Very much.

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00:22:16,160 --> 00:22:18,590

I hope it's--

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00:22:18,590 --> 00:22:19,310

Thank you.

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00:22:19,310 --> 00:22:21,070

Thank you.

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00:22:21,070 --> 00:22:26,000